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Attorney Docket No. 03801.P036  
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First Named Inventor Joseph SEAMON

Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR CATEGORIZING ITEMS IN BOTH ACTUAL AND VIRTUAL CATEGORIES

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**18B. Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) for continuing application:**

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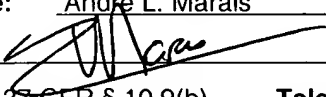
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